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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company for
Authority to Construct Natural Gas Public Utility Facilities
from the Town of Kinnickinnic to the City of River Falls,
St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

5230-CG-104

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the March 8, 2001, application of St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company (SCV), as a natural gas public utility, for approval under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03, to construct natural gas public utility facilities from the town of Kinnickinnic to the city of River Falls, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

SCV is a natural gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a) and is engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to approximately 5,300 customers in portions of Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin.

SCV proposes to construct approximately five miles of four-inch steel gas main from a connection in the town of Kinnickinnic with a proposed pipeline to be constructed by Wisconsin Gas Company (Docket No. 6650-CG-205) to SCV's existing distribution system in the city of River Falls. The new facilities would allow SCV to bring a new source of natural gas supply to its distribution system from a pipeline operated by Viking Gas Transmission Company. Currently, SCV receives all of its natural gas supplies through Northern Natural Gas Company.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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